

Cantillon Resents Charge of Breaking National Agreement

Prefers Striking Counter-Charges Against Gotham Managers and Comiskey in Reply to Editorial in Sporting News.

Burning Words from Joe's Letter

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"We thought if Mike Donlin could play *** and Jake Stahl could play in all Southern cities *** there was no reason why Callahan should be picked for a mark."

"Your paper [Sporting News] says that I have not the interest of the Washington club at heart *** but a fellow ten feet deep in a pit on a bar in the Mississippi could see where that knock comes from."—Manager Joe Cantillon.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

WICHITA, Kan., April 2.—Manager Joe Cantillon, of the Washington baseball team, has made a pertinent and full reply to the editorials in the Sporting News of St. Louis of March 26, in which he was severely attacked, first for allowing Jimmy Callahan, the Chicago City League magnate and baseball "outlaw," to play with Minneapolis, which team Joe and Mike Cantillon own, against the St. Louis National League and other teams in spring practice games, and secondly, for buying Bert Keeley, the Chicago semi-pro pitcher, from this same contaminating Callahan.

Concerning Callahan playing with Minneapolis, Joe Cantillon very properly inquires why Mike Donlin is allowed to play with the New York Nationals, and Jake Stahl with the New York Americans. Both became "outlaws" for refusing to report to their clubs last year, the exact offense Callahan committed, and it has not been reported here as yet that either has been "granted reinstatement," which Garry Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, specifically declared was necessary before they could play. Frank Isbell is also cited by Cantillon. Isbell deliberately refused to report to the Chicago Americans, because he thought he could make more money running a team in Wichita, yet Isbell is one of the big drawing cards for the spring games between his Wichita club and the traveling majors who have been training in Texas.

CITES STAHL CASE.

Stahl likewise deliberately refused to play with Chicago last year, procured capital, and cut into National Agreement territory in Chicago with an independent club. He would be running it yet and drawing money away from the Sox and Cubs' box offices had not his club been a failure financially. Callahan is said to have made \$12,000 the first year he ran a semi-pro club in Chicago. He did not back and ignore the mandates of the commission because he thought he had a grievance after a fair hearing, as Stahl did, but left Comiskey with the most friendly relations, which have continued ever since.

Yet Stahl plays without protest before reinstatement is granted, while Callahan draws down the wrath of the magazine and the Sporting News because he works out in a scrub game between make-shift teams. All of which Cantillon notes.

Indorse Times' Statement.

Joe Cantillon and Jimmy Callahan read the explanation of Keeley's status in The Times, both admitted to the writer that it was entirely correct, and Cantillon in nowise disputes the story in his letter, given herewith. He might have pointed out that the burden of the Sporting News editorial was that he should be severely reprimanded for having the honesty to pay the slightest attention to legal contracts between men outside of organized baseball, such as Keeley and Callahan. The argument seems to be that business morality does not require a man to keep faith with anyone not on the rolls of an artificial and arbitrary body, and Cantillon and Callahan draw down the wrath of the magazine and the Sporting News because he works out in a scrub game between make-shift teams. All of which Cantillon notes.

The editorial was premature, for nothing had been done, nor is anything likely to be done, for, unless contingencies not now foreseen arise, Keeley will join the Washington club when it reaches Chicago on June 19.

Following is the letter Joe Cantillon has sent to Charles Spink, editor of the Sporting News, in reply to the request that it be published in full:

Here's the Very Note.

Mr. Charles Spink, Sporting News, St. Louis, Mo.

I read with great surprise the article in your last week's Sporting News, in which a hard and long crack is taken at myself and brother Mike—at myself on account of Pitcher Keeley, whom I signed to play with the Washington baseball club. It does not matter what I intend to do with Keeley, and I have done nothing with him to date.

Your paper seems to think it a terrible crime if I buy him from Callahan, or have an outlaw like Callahan assist me in any way in getting a man, but you make no comment whatever when Comiskey gives Callahan \$500 to sign Pitcher Most; nor was anything said when Frank Farrell paid Callahan to go to Springfield and look over Player Doyle. Also, when he went to Minneapolis to look over Player Hill. He was then, as now, an outlaw, and was paid money by the smartest

GANS SHOWS NOT A SIGN OF DECLINE

Old Master Easily Knocks Out Spike Robson in Third Round.

PHILADELPHIA, April 2.—Before a crowded house last night at the National Sporting Club, Joe Gans, the peer of all lightweights, easily demonstrated that he is still there with the goods by knocking out Spike Robson in the third round of what was to have been a six-round contest.

Robson was in much better condition than Gans. His skin was pink and his muscles stood out prominently, indicating that he had worked hard for the fight.

While not in the best shape, Gans did not carry much extra weight. He was a trifle fat around the stomach, but not enough to do any harm.

Indulge in Feinting.

Neither man was overanxious to lead off first, and some pretty feinting and sidestepping was indulged in until the crowd began to tire of it.

Gans led off with his right aimed for the head. The blow went over Robson's shoulder and Joe brought a left up to the face. Gans cleverly stepped back and shot his right up and Robson hooked this punch cleverly. When they broke Robson sent a hard left high on Gans' head, followed by a right to the ribs. Gans was making a careful fight of it and tried to pull Robson on for a lead, but the English champion was holding his right in position to drop it over on him at the first opportunity.

The first was merely a feeler for both men, but Gans soon had his man reared and was ready to drop him any time.

The Second Session.

Gans opened the second with a left to the head and Robson also scored with a light left. Gans shot his right and left to Robson's face, but the blows were partly blocked and did little damage. Joe held Robson off with his long left and worked his right to the jaw. He held Robson on the ropes and hooked his left hand to Robson's mouth. Robson fought openly at times, and it was evident that the wicked wallop of Joe was telling on him. Gans walked around him, leading with the left and holding his right to send it over when he found an opening. Gans had him measured and it was only a matter of when he wanted to crowd his man and finish the fight with a few well-placed punches.

Busy From Start.

Gans opened the third by dancing around and sending to his left twice on Robson's head. He caught him off his balance and sent his right hard to the head. Robson was on the ropes, and Joe sent his left in with full force on the point. The Briton dropped to his knees and fell over on the mat. The referee counted seven over him and it was an effort for him to stand up. He went to his knees again and was up in an instant, but he was dazed and his guard was down and open for a knock-out. Gans hooked his left over on the jaw and then shot his right out when Robson straightened up. The blow landed clean on the Briton's jaw and he went down in a heap.

of the commission's decisions an awful job.

I attended two meetings last winter, one in the American Association at one in the Western League, where they wanted to cut out the Sporting News, take no advertising in it, and refuse to honor your credentials. I fought this in both leagues and can safely say I was the means of defeating it in both places, but I am first to get the hook when the News thinks I am going to do something I have not done.

August Herrmann, chairman of the national commission, wired Mike Cantillon that an ineligible player could not play with or against an organized club until he had applied for reinstatement and same had been granted. Kindly look back the records and see how many men are now playing to whom reinstatement has not been granted, then hand the commission as you did me. These are simply my feelings, Charles, about the article in the News last week and, in justice to myself I must ask that you publish this letter in full, not cut it up to suit yourself, may add that I have given a copy of it to Thomas S. Rice for publication in The Washington Times, as your editorial was based on his story.

I trust our friendly relations in other sports will remain the same.

Very truly yours,

JOE CANTILLON.

Muddy Track Works Havoc With Wise Form Players

But One First Choice Bears Out Advance Dope—Edgely's Victory at Juicy Odds in First Race.

The muddy track of the past day or two is working mischief with the form players at Benning.

Yesterday the talent was away off in its calculations, and only one first choice succeeded in catching the judges' eye. Upsets were in order all the afternoon long, from the time that the 19 to 1 shot Edgely dropped in the first race until the outsider, King of Bashan, ended the day with a handy victory over the choices, Holscher and Killcarenk.

It was woe and tribulation for the bettors from start to finish. "Pa" Daly was about the most disappointed man on the grounds.

He believed that in the last race he had dropped Killcarenk into a soft spot, and on dope it certainly looked as if "Pa" was right. He had made no mistake about his own horse, for Killcarenk ran an excellent race, and he had the money. King of Bashan, however, was just a little too good. This King of Bashan was a real good thing which Fitzsimmons had under cover and which will win more races at this meeting.

Holscher's Sad Fate.

It looks as if Holscher would have to be passed up. The old horse showed off in his first race on the second day of the meeting, that the wise ones were ready to class him with the best at the track. His races since, however, have been very bad, and it looks now as if the old horse was all in.

Yesterday Shields had him in the last race and thought so well of him that he bet a big chunk and advised all his friends to follow suit. Holscher had no excuses. He got off well, but dropped last. He ran as if stiff and sore, and it was not until the race was over that he showed any speed at all. To the scrap heap with Holscher.

Grandpa Still Counts.

"Old Man" Hayes, who has been running his ancient jumper, Grandpa, in far races at this meeting, put the old fellow back yesterday at his own game. Grandpa has won many a brilliant victory over the slicks and yesterday he proved that he is still some pumpkins at the "leaping with the lead" fellow ran out in front from the start and when New Fisher fell down, had things all his own way. McInerney put up a very peculiar ride on Prince of Pilsen, the favorite in this race.

He held the gelding a quarter of a mile in the rear and made no attempt to get up until in the stretch, when he let him mount down and passed our Huddy, saving all the place money for the bookmakers.

Mr. Dunlop started his recent purchase, New Fisher, in this race. The horse had all his speed, and made the around the field he fell. Dupes, who rode him, made the mistake of trying to place his horse. He would have done much better to let him go on about his business, and if he must, die in front.

Puddin' was no "puddin'" in the coll race, although he was the favorite. It was quite clear that the younger, not fancy the going. The winner of this race, Dan De Noyes is one of Jules Garson's sleepers. He had been showing excellent work, and a very se-

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GALLAUDET BARELY ESCAPES SHUT-OUT

Georgetown Easily Trails Kendall Green's Colors in Dust.

On a muddy ground and before a small crowd, Georgetown took Gallaudet into camp yesterday by 13 to 2.

The Kendall Green nine put up a decidedly poor exhibition of ball, in both fielding and batting. Its players were completely puzzled by Danahy and Diamond, who were on the firing line for the winners, and the only thing which saved them from a shut-out was Cooper's triple in the eighth.

Georgetown scored one run in each of the first two innings, and by a combination of singles and Gallaudet's errors, put five men across the plate in the eighth. H. Smith made the only error credited to Georgetown, while the miscues on Gallaudet's part were as frequent as they were foolish.

The Score.

Gallaudet	R	H	O	A	E	Georgetown	R	H	O	A	E
Morris, c.	1	2	4	1	1	Summ.	1	1	1	0	0
O'Donoghue	0	0	0	0	0	Courtesy	1	1	0	0	0
Hower, 3b.	1	1	1	0	0	Simon	1	1	0	0	0
Cooper, 2b.	0	2	2	0	0	Smith, c.	0	0	0	0	0
Harpur, 1b.	0	0	0	0	0	MacDonald	2	0	1	0	0
W. Bell, 2b.	0	0	1	2	1	Smith, 2b.	2	2	3	1	0
Sharp, p.	0	1	0	0	0	Schaffert	2	0	0	0	0
A. Bell, c.	0	0	2	2	0	Mayock	3	2	0	0	0
Dillon, p.	0	0	0	0	0	Eckenrode	0	0	2	0	0
Birch, p.	0	0	1	1	1	Duffy	0	0	2	0	0
Totals	3	6	12	9	9	Danahy, p.	0	0	0	0	0
						Totals	13	9	24	14	1

*W. Bell out for interference.

Gallaudet.....0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0-2

Georgetown.....1 1 5 3 2 0 2 13-9

Earned runs—Georgetown, 2; Gallaudet, 2. Left on bases—Georgetown, 3; Gallaudet, 6. First base on balls—off Dillon, 2; off Diamond, 2; off Birch, 1; off Danahy, 1; off Cooper, 1; off Smith, 1; off MacDonald, 1; off Smith, 1; off Schaffert, 1; off Mayock, 1; off Eckenrode, 1; off Duffy, 1; off Danahy, 1. Three-base hit—Cooper. Two-base hits—Hower, 3; Smith, 2. Stolen bases—Moss (2), Courtney (4), Simon (3), MacDonald (1), Smith (2), Schaffert, Mayock, Hower (2), Morris, O'Donoghue, Eckenrode. Double plays—Moss to W. Bell to Hower, 1; hit by pitcher—Py Dillon, 2; by Birch, 2. Wild pitch—Birch. Passed ball—A. Bell. Umpire—Ed Handlove. Time of game—1 hour and 42 minutes.

WITTEN WILL LEAD HATCHETITE NINE

At a meeting of the candidates for the George Washington University nine Aubrey Witten, Architecture '18, was unanimously elected captain of the team.

Witten is already a letter man, having captured his "W" in last football season when he played fullback and end on the varsity. He is also a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Manager A. C. Gonzalez announced at yesterday's meeting that he hoped to be able to secure a diamond on the ellipse in the near future, for team practice. The G. W. U. men are now using the Monument grounds.



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